

### STRIKE ON RAILROAD

#### Wages Reduced by Cutting Down Hours

#### THE MEN REFUSE TO WORK

At the Reduced Wages the Men Only Receive One Dollar and Forty Cents a Day for Their Very Hard Work.

Grants Pass, Dec. 13.—An order was received from headquarters to Tom Burke, foreman of the steel gangs laying new rails between Crow creek canyon and Grants Pass, to the effect that the hours for work should be reduced from 10 to 8, thus cutting the men's wages from \$1.75 to \$1.40 a day, to take effect at once. The order affected between 200 and 300 laborers, and while there is no kind of an organization among these men, they laid down their tools and asked for their time, which suspended operations of the several construction crews in the vicinity. There was no demonstration, but the men just quietly quit work and left Mr. Burke with only about 25 men to carry on the work.

The men pay \$4.50 per week for board, and they are not alone in their opinion that the amount of wages under the new conditions is too small for the work done. Mr. Burke wired the situation to headquarters Tuesday and received instructions to pick up all the section men possible in all the crews near by and place them in his department. The order also reduced hours of section men from 10 to 8, thus reducing their wages to \$1.35 a day. It is doubted if the section men will take up the new work. Of course there are quite a number of idle men all over the country, and the railroad company expects to ship in men from San Francisco and Portland to take the places of the men who have quit. Some are free to express the opinion that this move on the part of the railroad is only the beginning of more reductions to follow and that there will occur a general tie up of all lines of work on the Harriman system.

#### AGAINST LES MAJESTIE.

#### Boys Committed to Jail for Trivial Offenses.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—While it is true that the judicial authorities have been informally advised that the kaiser is inclined to be more lenient with persons who commit les majestie in a condition of drunkenness, all depends upon the grade of drunkenness. It seems that a man or woman must be stone blind drunk to escape being sent to jail, so drunk that he is irresponsible, before the law, for his actions. Besides he must prove previous good character, must crave the emperor's pardon publicly and pay a fine. On the other hand the law continues to be strictly enforced against all sober people, even down to little children. There are now three children in Prussian jails who have been sentenced for insult to the lord's anointed. One of them is a little girl 12 years old, of Polish parentage, who refused to accept from the teacher a brooch with the emperor's picture that William sent to the Polish scholars. The teacher would not take back the imperial present and little Ariaka let it fall on the floor. Hence, six weeks' arrest for her—not much considering that up to 150 years ago Russians were executed for dropping a coin bearing the czar's picture.

Five months was the sentence given to a policy boy, who said he was proud of a medal one of his forefathers wore in fighting the Prussians, and that he would not exchange it for all the medals the kaiser compelled people to decorate themselves with.

The third victim of the lese majestie law, Adelbert Grezabka, 13 years old, informed his schoolmates that the kaiser, in his heart of hearts, was an ally of Russia, but that if he ever got into a scrap with the Japs he would probably run as fast as Alexieff. The official papers maintain that Adelbert is a thoroughly unspeakable lad, who "sasses" his teacher, steals apples and pennies and is given to other heinous crimes.

#### AFTER TOBACCO TRUST.

#### Tobacco Growers Compelled to Accept Prices Offered by the Trust.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The department of Justice has decided to make an investigation of the methods and operations of the so-called tobacco trust, composed of the American and Continental companies of this country, and the British Imperial Company of England, which buys practically the entire leaf tobacco output of Kentucky and Tennessee. Felix G. Ewing, president of the Tennessee and Kentucky Tobacco Growers' Association, today received assurances that the attorney general would appoint A. E. Garner of Springfield, Tenn., as a special attorney to assist District Attorney Tillman in making the investigation and

prosecuting the trust, should the facts developed warrant such action.

It is alleged by the tobacco growers that because of the methods of the trust, which, it is declared, have stifled all competition in buying, the price of tobacco averages today only one-fifth of what it did five years ago, and that now instead of there being many bidders for the crop, the territory is parcelled out, the price fixed and one agent is selected by the trust to cover a certain territory, and the tobacco must be sold to him or not be disposed of at all. In this manner the entire tobacco growing region of Tennessee and Kentucky is covered by the agents of the trust, to the exclusion, it is asserted, of all other possible buyers.

#### OKLAHOMA ASKS STATEHOOD.

#### So Says Governor Ferguson in His Annual Report.

Washington, Dec. 13.—"The flag of our republic will not be complete until on its fields of blue is placed the rising star of Oklahoma," says the annual report of Governor T. B. Ferguson, of Oklahoma, made public today. The report adds:

"With 700,000 people, \$540,000,000 worth of property, the major portion of our public expenses bestowed upon our schools, unprecedented advancement along all lines of enterprise, it seems that congress should give the authority to exercise in full the rights of American citizens."

Speaking of the growth of the territory, the report says:

"The immigration to Oklahoma during the past year has been quite heavy. Over a million and a half acres of public land has been taken up by the homesteader. This alone means an increase in population of from 40,000 to 50,000 people. The larger portion of the buyers of farm property were homeseekers from other states."

The total immigration is placed at nearly 100,000, made up of "people young and energetic, with some capital to invest, with education, with an appreciation of religious and social advantages, morally and physically equipped to become some of the best citizens of the future state of Oklahoma."

The increase in the assessment value of property in the territory is placed at \$6,474,601, and that of the bank deposits at \$18,354,318. Six hundred and eighty-nine miles of railroad were built in the territory during the year, and "the only bonded indebtedness ever incurred by the territory (\$48,000) has been paid off with accrued interest some twenty years before it was due."

#### BIG SAVING.

#### Salt Lake Cutoff Saves a Fortune Every Day.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The Southern Pacific's Ogden-Lucien cutoff across Great Salt lake has now been in operation long enough to permit the operating department to gather figures justifying the expenditure of the many millions which the big improvement cost. The cutoff is saving the company on an average of \$2500 a day in operating expenses, or a little over \$900,000 a year, and this amount will steadily grow as the traffic over the Ogden line increases.

The operating officials of the Southern Pacific are watching with much interest certain experiments now being conducted on the Union Pacific with the use of gasoline motor cars. The gasoline motors are designed for use on spur lines, and it is said that if they came up to expectations they will be employed on the Southern Pacific as well as the other Harriman lines.

#### HOPES OF ROOSEVELT.

#### Peru Sees Its Future Assured by Monroe Doctrine.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 13.—The Comercio, in an editorial said to have been inspired by President Pardee, commenting on President Roosevelt's message to congress says:

"The nations of our continent which do not aspire to live by robbing their neighbors, or to settle political problems with cannons, have no reason to trouble themselves about the new phase of the Monroe doctrine expounded by President Roosevelt. The recent international history of America does not warrant fears that the United States dreams of conquest. For more than 20 years Peru has been suffering from the tyranny of a powerful neighbor and she cannot object to the new moral force as a defender of justice and right."

#### Oregon Wheat Returned.

New York, Dec. 13.—The announcement is made that 40,000 bushels of Oregon wheat, at Antwerp, have been sold to the flour mills of this city and will be brought back for manufacture into flour. This is the first time in the history of the grain trade that exported wheat has been brought back except to meet exigencies of a corner. The reimportation is due to small crop of wheat this year and the high prices prevailing.

#### Actress "Makes Hit."

Denver, Dec. 13.—Miss Nina Rudolph, leading lady of the San Toy Company, and Jefferson J. Graves of Jamestown, Cal., reputed a millionaire, have been married by Justice of the Peace Hynes of this city. The couple left immediately for California.

### AFFAIR IS SETTLED

#### Amicable Adjustment of Differences by Taft

#### CONCESSIONS ARE GRANTED

Complete Jurisdiction Is Granted the United States on Matters of Public Importance.

Panama, Dec. 13.—The differences between the United States and Panama, which made necessary the visit of Secretary of War Taft to the isthmus, were settled today by the issuance of an executive order signed by Secretary Taft for President Roosevelt, and assented to in a letter by President Amador, of Panama.

The order provides that no trade for the canal zone or the republic of Panama can enter the ports established by the United States at either end of the canal, supplies for the construction of the canal and articles in transit being excepted. This turns the customs receipts of these ports over to the government of Panama.

Panama agrees to reduce her tariff from 15 per cent ad valorem to 10 per cent. This reduction applies to all goods except wines, liquors, alcohol and opium. Panama also agrees to reduce her consular fees and port charges to 60 per cent of the rates at present charged. Absolute free trade is to apply between the canal zone and the republic of Panama. Vessels entering the canal ports are granted free entry to the ports of Colon and Panama, and vessels entering the latter ports are entitled the same privileges in the canal ports.

Complete jurisdiction is granted the United States in the harbors of Colon and Panama as to sanitation and quarantine regulations.

Panama reduces her rate of postage to 2 cents and is to furnish all stamps in the republic and in the canal zone. The zone authorities are to purchase stamps from Panama at 40 per cent of their face value.

The order of Secretary Taft is to be ineffective unless Panama shall put in to effect the gold standard, according to the currency agreement of June 29, 1904. It also makes a stipulation regarding citizenship rights to Panamanians in the canal zone and provision is also made in the order for maintenance by the United States of important highways, partly in and partly out of the canal zone, and also for the building of a hospital. The order is made effective December 12, 1904.

#### SUIT AGAINST TOM LAWSON.

#### Papers Show That His Home Has Been Attached.

Boston, Dec. 13.—The suit against Thomas W. Lawson for \$350,000, by Paul Fuller and F. R. Coudert, of New York, was entered in the Massachusetts supreme court. The action is said to have been taken in connection with stock transactions.

Papers filed in the case indicate that Mr. Lawson's place at Scituate, Mass., has been attached for \$350,000. In a bill of complaint the plaintiffs declare that Mr. Lawson failed to respond to several calls for payment on stock to which he had subscribed.

#### To Redistrict the South.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 13.—General J. Warren Kefler, former speaker of the national house of representatives, who has been re-elected to congress in the seventh Ohio district, has issued a statement in which he announces that his mission is to secure legislation to prevent the disfranchisement of voters in the south. General Kefler has made an exhaustive study of the subject and in his statement he gives an outline of what he expects to accomplish. He says:

"All I contend for is equal voting power in all the states in electing members of the house of representatives, and in electing a president of the United States. This equality of right should be conceded; and no principle of generosity to the south requires any such surrender of a fundamental principle of our form of government. With election laws in substantial accord in all states, and with the natural tendency to prevent restriction of the elective franchise, population, without regard to race, is a fair rule for determining equal representation."

#### Congregationalists Meet.

Seattle, Dec. 13.—Word has been received here from Boston that the annual sessions of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, the missionary organization of the Congregational church, will be held in this city next September. The board has never, heretofore, met west of Iowa. It is composed of 350 members and it is expected that most of these will be present. The board annually disburses more than \$750,000, and is the oldest foreign missionary society in the United States.

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#### Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers Druggist."

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